

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall on:

TUESDAY 8th January @ 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors; Mrs P Fox (Chairman (For the first part of the meeting)), Mrs E Wright (Chairman (For the second part of the meeting), Mr C Winterbourne, Mr R Kelly, Mr K Bishop.

In attendance:

Mr S Pritchard - Parish Clerk. One Member of the Public.

Public participation:

A Member of the Public had attended to object to the planning app 2018/2990/OTA.

County & District Councillors reports:

(No reports received)

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
55	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Cllr Wilson (Family bereavement), Cllr Beresford.
56	<u>Declarations of interest:</u> A. None B. N/A
57	<u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 13th November 2018 <p>It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
58	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing applications:</u> A. <u>To receive any planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:</u> It was proposed by the Chairman (Cllr Fox) that Standing Orders be suspended to allow a Member of the Public to join the debate, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously. 2018/2990/OTA - Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the erection of 2No. semi detached dwellings Land South East Of 32 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SH, 18 Dec 2018 The Council agreed that it would object to the application, Cllr Kelly to draft the objection. It was proposed by the Chairman (Cllr Fox) that Standing Orders be reinstated,

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	<p>seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p> <p><u>B. To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority (As per the agenda):</u> Noted.</p>
59	<p><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. Payments: The following payments were proposed for payment by Cllr Winterbourne, seconded by Cllr Wright and resolved unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk's expenses – Oct to Dec 2018 - £134.69 2. Members expenses – Cllr Fox - £23.18 <p>B. To receive bank reconciliation and budget to date: Received.</p>
60	<p><u>Awarding of local grants:</u> A grants application had been received from the Memorial Hall committee for a grant of £400 toward the cutting of the grass in the play area. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to make the grant, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne. Carried 4 in favour – 1 Against</p>
61	<p><u>Play park equipment fundraising:</u> The Clerk outlined his idea of setting up a dedicated account with earmarked money for the purchase of play equipment within the Parish. At this stage the Parish Council is not being asked to contribute towards this fund, merely hold the funds. The Clerk acknowledged that the eventual cost of the replacement of the play park equipment at the Memorial Hall would never be covered by this fund alone and that the Memorial Hall committee would need to look at fundraising events and grants to make up the bulk of the cost of any replacement equipment. Members agreed to support the Clerks ideas</p>
19:55	<p>At this point the Chairman (Cllr Fox) said that she must leave the meeting due to a family member being unwell. Cllr Fox proposed that Cllr Wright be elected Chairman for the remainder of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously</p>
62	<p><u>Parish Grit Bins:</u></p> <p>A. Purchase of rock salt: It was agreed that Cllr Winterbourne would buy around 20 bags of rock salt and store it at his farm, delivering it out as and when needed. The Council was very grateful for this voluntary service and it was agreed that the cost of all rock salt would be reimbursed by the Clerk upon the production of a receipt.</p> <p>B. Grit bin adoption scheme: The Clerk reported that he has had two offers to adopt a grit bin within the parish. Members hoped that more residents would come forward over the next year. It was agreed that the requirement would only be for someone to just keep an eye on the grit bin and if it needed filling to inform the Clerk, a few bags of grit would then be dropped off by Cllr Winterbourne ASAP.</p>

63	<p><u>Precept for 2019/20:</u></p> <p>Members had seen an early draft of the 2019/20 budget in November. Since then the two portfolio holders that control a budget had examined their part of the budget and confirmed their requirements.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to set the Parish Precept at £27,115.00 for the 2019/20 municipal year, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
64	<p><u>Forward funding of allotments legal fees:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that he would need access to a budget to cover the cost of employing a solicitor to act on behalf of the Parish Council with regards to the transfer of land from David Wilson Homes to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Clerk informed members that David Wilson Homes had agreed to meet the first £500 of the cost to the Council, but as the total cost was likely to be more than that and so some funding was required.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to forward fund £1,500 from the 2019/20 budget for the Clerk to use, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that DWH still had a lot of work to do before the transfer of land would be signed off by the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne that the council appoint Rutter’s Solicitors to act on the Councils behalf, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>Members requested sight of every step of the process.</p>
65	<p><u>2019 local elections timetable:</u></p> <p>The Clerk delivered a report that is attached to the minutes in full.</p>
66	<p><u>Annual Parish Meeting:</u></p> <p>Members agreed that the Annual Parish meeting should take place on 12th March 2019, just before that start of the normal Council meeting.</p>

End of formal meeting 20:40

After the meeting closed, Members talked informally about matters relating to their portfolios:

a) *Planning & Development (Cllr Kelly)*

Cllr Kelly will make a response to the planning appeal for the Car Show room on land north of Beckington. Cllr Kelly would like to see the Council involved with the supply of electric car charging points.

b) *HR & Resources (Cllr Beresford)*

The Clerk reported that the HR Panel had completed his annual review and that the panel had agreed to support the Clerk in obtaining the CiLCA qualification, the benefit to the Council being that the Council would be able to take on the Power of General Competence.

c) *Footpaths & Rights of way (Cllr Wright)*

Cllr Wright reported that she had been working through the SCC consultation on footpath categories and made a suggested response. Members agreed to support Cllr Wrights response.

d) *Highways & Local Transport (Cllr Bishop)*

Cllr Bishop reported that all the new grit bins purchased by the Parish Council are now in place.

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e) **Local Environment & Council Assets (Cllr Winterbourne)**

Cllr Winterbourne reported that the Village Pump work had yet to be started, but it should be done by the end of the month. The A36 layby north of Beckington has had 2 large bins located in it and they are being filled weekly. The same layby is suffering from fly tipping with asbestos, plasterboard and rubble being dumped there.

The Clerk reported that all the new green dog litter bins around the parish were unlikely to be being emptied as he had yet to register them with MDC as not all the locations were known.

f) **MDC & SALC Rep (Cllr Bishop)**

The Clerk reported that SALC is to become a company limited by guarantee. There will be no change to the service offered, but they will have to charge VAT in years to come, this will need budgeting for.

g) **Rudge Rep (Cllr Wright)**

Cllr Wright reported that the grit bin at the full moon now in place thanks to Cllr Bishop and the grit bin at the top of Rudge Hill was empty, residents were having no luck getting it filled by SCC.

h) **The Beckington Charities (The Clerk & Cllr Beresford)**

The Clerk reported that he is still looking at what the money can be used for if the charities were closed.

i) **Memorial Hall Rep (Cllr Wilson & The Clerk)**

The Clerk reported that there had been an ongoing problem with the gas heater in the Clifford Suite. The issue was not with the heater as it has been swapped with one from the main hall. Cllr Winterbourne suggested that it was a gas pressure / air balancing issue.

j) **Allotments Rep (Cllr Wilson & Clerk)**

No meetings had taken place, will look to arrange one early March

k) **Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money (Cllr Fox)**

No report.

21:19

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